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SUBJ: GUINEAN HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON

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- 1. STATE COMMOTTEE SECGEN SEKOU CAMARA INFORMED EMBOFF LAST WEEK THAT PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE, IN MEETING WITH HIM AND MOUSSA DIAKITE, HAD SAID HE HAS AFFRONTED BY "RETRACTION" OF US INVITATON TO VISIT US DURING BICENTENNIAL YEAR. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT OTHERS SUCH AS QUEEN ELIZABETH AND GISCARD (SIC) SEEMED TO BE WELCOME DESPITE US EMBASSY'S ALLEGATION THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO GENERAL INVITATION TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.
- 2. SEKOU CAMARA SUGGESTED THAT USG SHOULD NOW REASSURE TOURE OF OUR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS BY EXTENDING FORMAL INVITATION TO HIGH LEVEL GOG DELEGATION. (COMMENT: IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS PROPOSAL HAD ORIGINATED WITH PRESIDENT AND/OR DIAKITE OR WAS SEKOU CAMARA'S OWN IDEA END COMMENT). EMBOFF DID NOT ENCOURAGE THIS NOTION AND SEKOU CAMARA SAID HE INTENDED TO RAISE IT DIRECTLY WITH AMBASSADOR, WHICH HE HAS NOT IN FACT DONE.
- 3. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION IS EXPECTED TO END JULY 15 OR 16 AND GOG MAY SET A NEW DATE FOR VISIT BY CONFIDENTIAL

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DIAKITE DELEGATION. HOW DOES DEPARTMENT WANT THIS

HANDLED? RECOMMEND THAT WE NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUE ANY FORMAL INVITATON, EVEN IF DIRECTLY ASKED TO DO SO. ON OTHER HAND, IF DIAKITE SAYS HE WANTS TO VISIT US IN SALUTE TO BICENTENNIAL, AND PROVIDES REASONABLE NOTICE OF TIMING, I DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN TURN HIM DOWN. IN FACT, VISIT COULD PROVIDE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR US OFFICIALS TO MAKE THE POINTS SUGGESTED REFTEL B AND TO DISCUSS US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA. HARROP

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